projects population of 1995, thus bringing more families under BPL category. Further, in order to provide food security to about one crore poorest of the poor families, the Government has launched Antyodaya Anna Yojana under which each eligible family is entitled to receive 25 kgs. of foodgrains per month at highly subsidised rates— Rs. 2 a kg. for wheat and Rs. 3 a kg. for rice.

Software Export Trade Institutions

†*166. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been encouraging setting up of software export trade institutions in the country over the past years; and

(b) if so, the number of such institutions which were registered during 1998-99 and 2000-01, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are 21 Software Technology Parks (STP) in the country, where software exports units have been established over the years. In all, 375 units in 1998-99 and 1007 units during 2000-01 were registered in the country. A total of 6652 STP units have so far been registered till 2000-01. The State-wise number of STP units registered during 1998-99 and 2000-01, is given in the Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Units registered during 1998-99 & 2000-01

STPI Center	1998-99	2000-01
Karnataka	56	137
Orissa	11	11
West Bengal	8	49
Tamil Nadu	41	139
Gujarat	14	20
Andhra Pradesh	83	229
Rajasthan	2	2
Punjab	31	53
Maharashtra	53	151
Uttar Pradesh	14	42
Delhi	37	93
Haryana	5	30
Madhya Pradesh	0	9
Kerala	20	29
Assam	0	12
Jharkhand	0	1
TOTAL:	375	1007